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BOLIVIA

SUPPORT TO EL ALTO

Through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the U.S. Government has a comprehensive assistance program that supports the Bolivian Government's National Development Plan.



U.S. Ambassador Philip S. Goldberg celebrates Children's Day in El Alto with students benefiting from El Alto's School Feeding Program. The schools of El Alto consume products provided through the USAID-supported Integrated Alternative Development program.

Through its official foreign assistance agency, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the U.S. Government has worked closely with *Alteños* for many years to support the city's development. Projects seek to reduce poverty through economic growth generated by enterprise development and increased productivity; improve access to health care for the poor; and strengthen democratic processes and institutions. USAID programs create opportunities for marginalized populations, promoting their social, political, and economic inclusion.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AND ARTISANS

Since 2006, USAID has supported artisans of El Alto to improve their handicrafts, develop greater market competitiveness, and access export markets. In addition, USAID supports, in conjunction with the Catholic University and the Bolivian Private University, a vocational training program for small businesses. USAID support has been critical to the birth and consolidation of El Alto's cutting-edge microfinance sector.

IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF BOLIVIANS

USAID seeks to improve the health of underserved Bolivians by increasing access to quality health services through the strengthening public and NGO health facilities and networks. Our program supports the Ministry of Health's policy of extending services to rural areas, with a special focus on family and community health.

USAID supports the development of organizations such as PROSALUD, the largest private health service network in Bolivia, and CIES, whose presence in El Alto improves health in this major city. Additional support in this area includes the Partners for Development Program, which works with local organizations on projects that focus on improving community health.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE

USAID supports a comprehensive program that works with the Government of Bolivia to strengthen democratic institutions and improve the administration of justice. As part of this program, USAID, in conjunction with the Ministry of Justice and the Judicial Branch, has supported the establishment and operation of six Integrated Justice Centers in the city of El Alto since 2004. Additionally, USAID worked with the District Attorney's Office to establish a customer reception area in El Alto. This support is aimed at increasing the efficiency of justice services, mitigating delays in the administration of justice, and providing citizens with greater access to justice.



A view of one of many neighborhood infrastructure projects completed in El Alto through USAID's Food For Work Program.

FOOD SECURITY

USAID's Title II Program supports local development and health care initiatives in areas of major food insecurity in Bolivia. In peri-urban and rural areas, USAID supports, through a food-for-work system, the construction of basic sanitary systems, community agricultural production and the management of natural resources. In addition, child nutrition and maternal-child health receive special attention and close monitoring. In 2006, approximately 13,000 temporary jobs were created in El Alto in support of community initiatives for neighborhood infrastructure.

DEMOCRATIC INITIATIVES

Through this program, which concluded in September 2007, USAID supported many grass-roots community development projects in El Alto, such as: leadership training and employment generation; infrastructure improvement in public schools; certification and registration of undocumented citizens; the expansion of a secondary gas network for five districts and a potable water system for district 8; promotion of democratic dialogue to enable peaceful win-win outcomes on local issues; and civic education in partnership with local organizations.

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Municipalities where at least one USAID Project is Active

